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Enclosed herewith please find eight (8) sheets of formal drawings which are to be filed in the above-identified case pursuant to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated January 8, 2004, and the Notice of Allowability mailed January 22, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review is enclosed for ready review.

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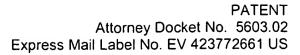
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The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Copies of the references are provided herewith.

The following cited patents are not in the English language: 682774 (Belgium), 1194264 (Canada), EP0065886A1 (EPO), 1394807 (France), 2487702 (France), 2503622 (France), DE3519439A1 (Germany), 55-34969 (Japan), 55-49225 (Japan), 55-93413 (Japan), 60-252884 (Japan), 536703 (Switzerland), and WO88/04987 (WIPO). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), any information disclosure statement filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 shall include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein. English translations of either the entire patents or the abstracts are attached to the aforementioned

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